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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Address to: Commissioner for Patents Box RCE Washington, DC 20231	Application Number	09/453,319-Conf. #2455
	Filing Date	December 2, 1999
	First Named Inventor	Steven M. Shepard
	Group Art Unit	2859
	Examiner Name	Verbitsky, G.
	Attorney Docket No.	64631-0020

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on March 19, 2003  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.170 required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit Account No. 18-0013

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Name (Print/Type)	Joseph V. Coppola, Sr.	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	33,373
Signature		Date	April 30, 2003

**Request for Continued Examination**

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Dated: April 30, 2003      Signature: Joyce A. Krumpke (Joyce A. Krumpke)



<b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b> <b>for FY 2003</b> <i>Patent fees are subject to annual revision.</i>		<b>Complete if Known</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		Application Number	09/453,319-Conf. #2455
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT</b> (\$) 553.00		Filing Date	December 2, 1999
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FEE CALCULATION				
1. BASIC FILING FEE				
Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1001	2001	750	375	Utility filing fee
1002	2002	330	165	Design filing fee
1003	2003	520	260	Plant filing fee
1004	2004	750	375	Reissue filing fee
1005	2005	160	80	Provisional filing fee
SUBTOTAL (1)				0.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE				
Total Claims	24	-24** =		Fee Paid 0.00
Independent Claims	4	-4** =		Fee Paid 0.00
Multiple Dependent				
Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	2202	18	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	2201	84	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	2203	280	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	2204	84	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	2205	18	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)				0.00
**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above				

3. ADDITIONAL FEES				
Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1051	2051	130	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052	2052	50	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
1053	1053	130	130	Non-English specification
1812	1812	2,520	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination
1804	1804	920*	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1805	1,840*	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	2251	110	55	Extension for reply within first month
1252	2252	410	205	Extension for reply within second month
1253	2253	930	465	Extension for reply within third month
1254	2254	1,450	725	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	2255	1,970	985	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	2401	320	160	Notice of Appeal
1402	2402	320	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	2403	280	140	Request for oral hearing
1451	2451	1,510	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	2452	110	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453	2453	1,300	650	Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	2501	1,300	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	2502	470	235	Design issue fee
1503	2503	630	315	Plant issue fee
1460	1460	130	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	1807	50	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17
1806	1806	180	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	8021	40	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	2809	750	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))
1810	2810	750	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37CFR 1.129(b))
1801	2801	750	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	1802	900	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application
Other fee (specify)	2614;			Claims - extra independent (over three);
	2615			Claims - extra total (over 20)
SUBTOTAL (3)				553.00
*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid				

<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>		<b>Complete (if applicable)</b>	
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